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The following is my submission in relation to proposed amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, introduced to Parliament in the Youth Justice (Boot Camp Orders) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012. (1 November 2012)

'106C Accommodation for use in connection with work as sex worker

'It is not unlawful for a person (an accommodation provider) to discriminate against another person (the other person) by—

(a) refusing to supply accommodation to the other person;

or

(b) evicting the other person from accommodation; or

(c) treating the other person unfavourably in any way in connection with accommodation; if the accommodation provider reasonably believes the other person is using, or intends to use, the accommodation in connection with that person's, or another person's, work as a sex worker.'

Link reference: <http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bills/54PDF/2012/YouthJBootAB12.pdf>

I object to this legislation amendment on the grounds that it blatantly discriminates against a minority group – in this case sex workers.

Accommodation providers do not seem to be objecting to other business people who work from their rented accommodation – such as Sales Consultants, Photographers who hire rooms to perform photo shoots, Politicians who run campaigns from their motel rooms when on the road and Celebrities who use motel rooms for interviews – all people who use rented accommodations for business when away from their usual place of business. But these accommodation providers object to sex workers. Is this more a moral objection than an objection from a business perspective?

Writing into a legislation amendment a directive that it is not unlawful to discriminate against a person based on their occupation is beyond belief in this day and age.

Refusing to supply accommodation, evicting a person and treating a person unfavourably is not a positive step towards solving the issue between accommodation providers and sex workers in Queensland. There are surely alternatives than to endorse legal discrimination?

Consideration must be carefully undertaken by politicians when it comes to this amendment and hopefully common sense will prevail and an alternative legislation can be negotiated.

Kind Regards  
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